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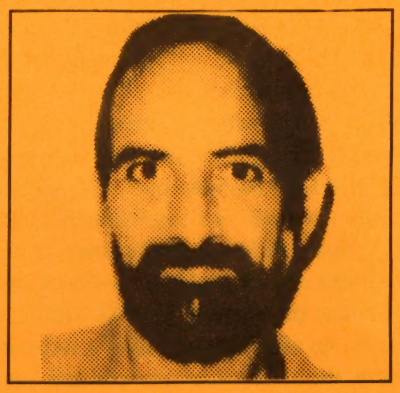
Fight against the racist death penalty and for the life of Mumia Abu-Jamal!

Fight against medical negligence in U.S. prisons and for the life of Alan Berkman !

Mumia Abu-Jamal



Dr. Alan Berkman

Saturday, September 22nd
6:30 pm
Blackburn Center , Howard University

Educational & Cultural Program on the situation of Mumia Abu-Jamal and Alan Berkman

Speakers include a.o.:

Wadiya Abu-Jamal, Philadelphia, MOVE member and wife of Mumia Abu-Jamal
Dr. Barbara Zeller, physician and anti-imperialist activist, NYC
Khali Abney, ex-political prisoner, New African Network
Judy Greenspan, Washington Area Committee. for Political Prisoners Rights
Jacque Rearden, New Afrikan Network

The cultural program includes:
videos with Mumia Abu-Jamal and Alan Berkman
music
poetry

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Mumia Abu-Jamal is currently the only political prisoner in the U.S. who is facing execution. His case is both symbolic of the racist nature of the death penalty and the state's attempt to silence Black political activists by any means. Mumia Abu-Jamal became a member of the Black Panther Party in Philadelphia at the age of 16. After the destruction of the Panthers by the FBI he developed into a widely known and respected journalist committed to reporting the truth about racism and oppression in the U.S. . The Philadelphia Tribune called him the "Voice of the Voiceless" in 1980 and in the same year he was elected president of the Association of Black Journalists in Philadelphia. As a journalist he also reported on the state's repression against MOVE, a Black nationalist organization targetted for destruction by the Philadelphia police. In 1981, during an arbitrary nightly police raid against African American men with dreadlocks, Mumia was critically wounded in an incident that left one policeman dead. Mumia was immediately charged with the killing of the policeman and although no evidence was ever produced to substantiate that charge, in 1982 Mumia was sentenced to death by an all-white jury after a railroad trial. In order to convict him, the state prosecutor pointed out Mumia's political beliefs and membership in the Black Panther Party as evidence that Mumia had been "a potential cop killer" all along. Mumia has been held in complete isolation on death row for almost 9 years now. At this point, Mumia has only one federal appeal left before Pennsylvania's Governor Robert Casey can sign his execution order. It is on us to prevent Mumia's execution, to demand the commutation of his sentence and ultimately, his freedom.

Send letters and telegrams demanding the commutation of the death sentence andhis freedom: Governor Robert Casey, Main Capitol Building, Room 225, Harrisburg, PA 17120

Alan Berkman is a North American anti-imperialist and medical doctor who has been part of the clandestine resistance movement in the early eighties, fighting in support of the national liberation struggles in the U.S. and in Central America and Southern Africa. In 1985 he was captured along with several other anti-imperialist activists and sentenced to 10 years imprisonment for giving medical assistance to a fugitive and possession of firearms. Shortly after his capture in 1985, Alan was diagnosed with Hodgkin's Disease, a rare and often fatal lymphomatic cancer. Only after a massive public campaign did he receive any medical treatment, which over the years of his imprisonment has been severly obstructed by the Bureau of Prisons and the government' s aim to " make sure, that he would never leave the prison alive" as the state prosecutor demanded at Alan's trial in 1985. For the last two years, Alan has been held in the DC Jail as a co-defendant in the Resistance Conspiracy Case against six North American anti-imperialists who have been charged with conspiracy and several bombings of U.S. government and military institutions in resistance to U.S. government policies at home and abroad.
In the spring of 1990, Alan was diagnosed with a recurrence of Hodgkin's Disease, and again the U.S. government through medical neglect and particular harrassment, tried to prevent Alan from receiving adequate medical care. At this point, the U.S. government, in a plea agreement in the case, has dropped all the charges against Alan and he is undergoing intensive chemotherapy at DC General Hospital. Alan is currently fighting for his immediate release on parole (he has already served more than the maximum amount of years under his parole guidelines in a parole case). The difference between immediate release on parole and continued imprisonment may be the difference between life and death for Alan. You can influence the outcome by joining a campaign for Alan's immediate release on parole.

Write to the U.S.Parole Commission and demand Alan's immediate release: U.S. Parole Commission
att: Irma Huseman
Air World Center #220
10920 Ambassador Drive
Kansas City, MO 64153

Mumia and Alan are two out of more than 100 political prisoners who are being held by the U.S. government for their political beliefs and actions. Many of those prisoners who come from the Black liberation/New Afrikan movement, the Puerto Rican independence movement, the American Indian movement, and the white North American anti-imperialist movement have been framed by the U.S. government agencies as part of an ongoing program of state repression against oppressed people. All of them have fought for justice and liberation. The defense of their lives and the struggle for their freedom is part of the struggle against racism and oppression and for justice and liberation.

Write to Mumia and Alan to break through the walls of silence and isolation the U.S. government wants to create around them and come to the event on September 22nd to get more information and find out about ways to become involved.

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